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CIA needed for defense

To the editor:

This is an open letter to Ray Parrish, a self-styled defender of American freedoms.

All communists have as their goal the ultimate enslavement of the entire free world. The best way for them to gain their ends is to make sure that the countries they wish to conquer are unable to defend themselves; e.g. Afghanistan, Hungary, Poland.

Apparently, you have been supporting all of the Russian policies, fiats, declarations, and imperialistic incursions in a seeming effort to undermine and defeat all attempts by all who are truly "freedom lovers" to defend themselves from Russian domination.

Communists would like to see all training of U.S. citizens for defense of our country cease. What better way is there than defeating draft registration to ensure that we do not have the trained manpower to defend ourselves? You are certainly doing everything in your power to see that our ability to defend ourselves is made impotent.

The Central Intelligence Agency is the arm of our defense that keeps our president, the Congress and our military defenders informed as to what the Russians are doing to conquer the world through their imperialism. By the way, I don't see you deprecating the Russian KGB. The CIA is an absolutely essential arm of our continued existence, and yet you are doing all you can to weaken it.

You harangue about the so-called interference of the United States in the politics of other countries and yet you encourage the infiltration and subversion of all countries by communists and their dupes. I haven't heard you speak out in horror about the napalming and bombing of helpless children and women and men by the Russians in Afghanistan.

You criticize the efforts our country to improve the working conditions and the enhancement of freedom in other countries as interference in their internal affairs. Why don't you ever deplore the way Russia and Cuba interfere with and subvert governments all around the world?

Unfortunately, there are some naive students who believe all your words. I would hope that this letter would show them for what they are—a lot of bull.

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CIA doesn't belong at UI

To the editor:

It has come to our attention that the CIA will again be on campus recruiting on October 28 and 29. We wish to make known our extreme dissatisfaction and implore Stan Levy, vice chancellor for student affairs, not to allow the University to be used by this terroristic organization.

In its short 35 years of existence, the CIA has an infamously long record of spying on U.S. citizens, of channeling money covertly to political parties in dictators and training their military forces in the ways of torture, and of destabilizing progressive regimes. Chile, Guatemala, Jamaica, Italy, Brazil, Zaire, Iran, Vietnam, Angola, and Thailand are just some of the many countries in which these activities have occurred.

Because the CIA aids regimes, like that of Pinochet in Chile, which systematically deny people basic human rights, not to mention the fact that such regimes try to eliminate all vestiges of academic freedom, it would be an insult to the entire University community and an affront to this institution's commitment to democracy and intellectual freedom to permit the CIA to use our buildings and other facilities.

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